



# Global Pro Bono Hub

## Pro Bono Professional Networks

### Global

#### [Association of Pro Bono Counsel \(APBCo\)](#)

The Association of Pro Bono Counsel is a mission-driven membership organisation of over 270 attorneys and practice group managers who run pro bono practices in over 130 of the world's largest law firms. APBCo's mission is to maximise access to justice through the delivery of pro bono legal services by advancing the model of the full-time law firm pro bono counsel, supporting and enhancing the professional development of pro bono counsel and serving as the voice of the law firm pro bono community.

#### [Collaboration for Organising Your Jurisdiction's Pro Bono Week](#)

This collaborative initiative seeks to encourage and support jurisdictions around the world to arrange their own version of a day, week or month to celebrate and support legal pro bono.

### Asia Pacific

#### [Asia Pro Bono Consortium](#)

The Asia Pro Bono Roundtable Consortium consists of a range of organisations engaged in strengthening and expanding pro bono work within the Asia region and globally, including A4ID, the Australian Pro Bono Centre, BABSEACLE, the Center for Reproductive Rights, International Bridges to Justice, iProbono, Legal Empowerment Network, the Centre for Law and Transformative Change, Pro Bono SG (formerly the Law Society Pro Bono Service,

Singapore), PILnet, The Global Pro Bono Bar Association, TrustLaw (Thomson Reuters Foundation) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Contact [secretariat@babseacle.org](mailto:secretariat@babseacle.org) for more information.

## Europe

### *European Pro Bono Alliance (EPBA) (PILnet)*

EPBA is a collaborative network of European clearinghouses and pro bono initiatives with the goal of supporting and promoting the work of its members and strengthening, championing and informing the European pro bono movement. EPBA serves as a unique platform to share experiences, build partnerships, engage pro bono constituencies and to nurture the culture of pro bono practice through Europe.

### *European Pro Bono Initiative*

The European Pro Bono Initiative is an informal group made up of pro bono managers, lawyers managing pro bono practices for law firms, pro bono associations and companies in Europe. Participants collaborate to remove barriers, grow and collaborate.

### *In House Pro Bono Group (UK)*

The members of the In House Pro Bono Group share a collective belief that the provision of pro bono work is a professional responsibility for all lawyers. Supported by a steering committee, the group's aims are to: foster a commitment to pro bono, promote and improve pro bono service and delivery, share knowledge, best practice and resources, build and strengthen in house pro bono service, connect in house lawyers, charities and pro bono professionals through networking and communication, and collaborate to make the best use of their unique skills set and training for the benefit of others.

### [In-House Pro Bono Lawyers Network \(PBN\) Ireland](#)

PBN is a community of lawyers employed in-house by large organisations who collectively believe in the value of providing pro bono work. The aim of the network is to foster a culture of commitment to pro bono in Ireland, to promote and improve pro bono service and delivery, and to collaborate to make the best use of lawyers' skills for the benefit of others.

### [Pro Bono for Children in Europe \(PBCE\)](#)

PBCE is a program developed under the CLEAR-Rights project framework by PILnet and L'Alliance des Avocats pour les Droits de l'Homme and currently operates as a working group of the European Pro Bono Alliance. Under this program, the European Child Justice Clearinghouse facilitates access to free quality legal assistance for NGOs working with children and their clients, including those working across borders, providing help with EU-wide legal research, operational legal needs, representation, legal drafting, legal translation, and more.

### [UK Collaborative Plan](#)

The UK Collaborative Plan for Pro Bono is a profession-led initiative for law firms. Each of the 80 participating law firms has a strong institutional commitment to pro bono and access to justice. Participating law firms collaborate with each other to improve access to justice through pro bono in the UK. Participating law firms work collaboratively to develop the systems and infrastructure to allow pro bono services to be effectively delivered to address unmet legal need.

## North and South America

### [Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice - Pro Bono Network of the Americas](#)

The Pro Bono Network of the Americas was born in 2011 as an informal collaborative mechanism between lawyers, NGOs, pro bono initiatives and other actors in the pro bono field across the Americas to strengthen access to justice, promote respect for human rights and

promote the rule of law and democracy in the Americas. It has now become the main institutional home of the primary pro bono clearinghouses in the Americas, representing partnership among them.

### [Pro Bono Net \(US\)](#)

Pro Bono Net is a national nonprofit organisation based in New York City and San Francisco. Pro Bono Net works in close partnership with nonprofit legal organisations across the United States and Canada to increase access to justice for the millions of poor people who face legal problems every year without help from a lawyer. They do this by (i) supporting the innovative and effective use of technology by the nonprofit legal sector, (ii) increasing participation by volunteers, and (iii) facilitating collaborations among nonprofit legal organisations and advocates working on similar issues or in the same region.

## Oceania

### [Australian Community of Pro Bono Lawyers \(ACPL\)](#)

The Australian Community of Pro Bono Lawyers (ACPL) is an informal group for and run by dedicated pro bono professionals (lawyers leading/working in pro bono practices at commercial law firms, where pro bono management is at least 50% of their role). Membership is individual based (not firm based), with the aim of facilitating and encouraging information sharing and collaboration within the profession. The ACPL runs an email distribution list, quarterly calls, an annual academy and a group mentoring scheme.

### [Australian “ProBo YoFo” \(Pro Bono Young Folk\) Network](#)

Pro Bono Young Folk is an informal network of pro bono lawyers who are young, relatively new to the pro bono scene or not heads of practice. ProBo YoFo meets quarterly to share ideas and support. The Network is also keen to support lawyers who are starting new pro bono practices or otherwise seeking to increase pro bono work at their firms.

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*If you would like to include another pro bono professional network on this list, please contact [info@globalprobonohub.com](mailto:info@globalprobonohub.com).*